

OLD JORDAN HOUSE - Before 1859 - Old York Road, east side, 0.1 mile south of Gibson Road, West Liberty

vicinity. On the tract "Rural Retreat". Shown as B.J. Jordan's in 1877 and 1915 atlases. Jordan's steam sawmill was across the road and is extinct. Large frame house in vernacular style, covered with aluminum siding; two stories; 5 bays wide; gable roof; front porch; long, rambling rear wing of several segments. Excellent condition. T.J. Scharf states in his county history that B.F. Jordan acquired Rural Retreat through his marriage to Juliet E. Anderson, whose father James Anderson "reclaimed it from the wilderness" after 1791. Jordan was born 1823 in York County, moving here in 1852. Of northern Irish descent, he served as a county commissioner from 1870-74 (HBCC, p. 871). A new house and sawmill was charged to Julia E. Jordan in 1859 transfers. A new frame house worth \$1,000 was charged to B.J. Jordan in 1891.